

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated August 19, 2005 contained a final rejection of claims 1-22. The Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9, 17, 18, and 22. Claims 1-22 are in the case. Please consider the present amendment with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This amendment is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tafoya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,829,607).

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below.

The Applicants' invention now includes displaying a list of most recently used email addresses and/or most frequently used email addresses in response to user input from a mouse input device configured for clicking on a software button.

In contrast, although Tafoya et al. disclose a system that "...automatically provides dynamically generated completion information for facilitating user input of email addresses or contact information," Tafoya et al. is missing the Applicants' newly claimed user input from a mouse input device configured for clicking on a software button and user selection of a length of the list, user sorting of the list by recency and/or frequency, and user inclusion of received email addresses in addition to or instead of sent email addresses in the list. Namely, paragraph [0042] of the Applicants' U.S. Patent publication states that the "...list is displayed in a drop-down menu or other type of list or menu that may be selectively activated via user input, such as via the clicking of a mouse on a software button."

Specifically, the Tafoya et al. reference only discloses displaying a list of email addresses when the user begins typing an email address, in other words, a list of email addresses is **only** presented after the user actually starts to type something. The objective in Tafoya et al. is automatic completion of the email address **after** the user starts to type (i.e., "type-ahead"). For example, Tafoya et al. explicitly states that it **"...provides dynamically generated completion information for facilitating user input of email addresses or contact information... As a user begins to input an email address or contact, the present invention can either automatically complete the entry**

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using a most probable result from the resolution list, or can display a list of likely matches from which the user may select the desired email address or contact.”
[emphasis added]. (see Abstract of Tafoya et al.).

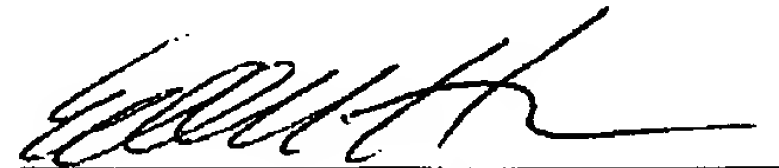
Hence, since the cited reference does not disclose all of the elements of the claimed invention, the reference cannot anticipate the claims. As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 should be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of the dependent claims, because they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, and they contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, these claims are also considered to be patentable (MPEP § 2143.03).

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (818) 885-1575. Please note that all mail correspondence should continue to be directed to

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